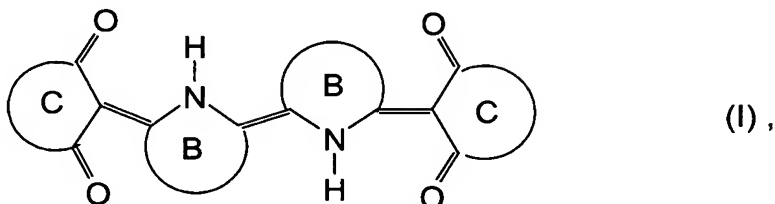


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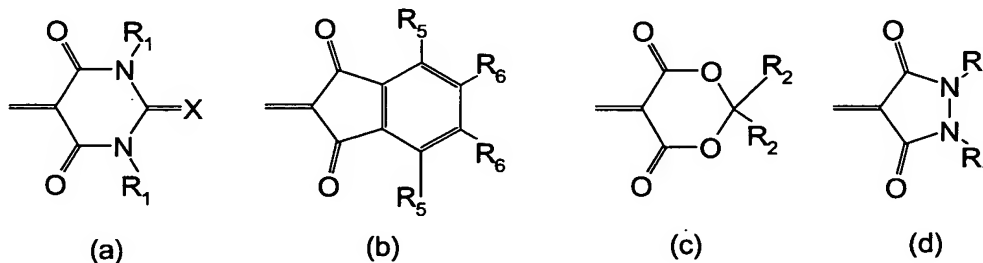
Amendments to the Claims

- 1) (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula (I)



~~where~~ wherein C is an alicyclic or heterocyclic group having C_{2v} symmetry and B is ortho- C_6 - C_{18} arylene.

- 2) (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein B is ortho-phenylene or 2,3-naphthylene.
- 3) (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the ring C ~~corresponds to~~ is a ring system of the formulae (a) to (d)



~~where~~ wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{25} alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} aryl, C_1 - C_{25} alkyl- $(C_6$ - $C_{10})$ -aryl, a heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, $-(CH_2)_n-COR_3$ ~~or~~ and $-(CH_2)_m-OR_4$.

in which R_3 is hydroxyl, unsubstituted or mono- or poly-hydroxyl- or amino-substituted C_1-C_{25} alkoxy, C_1-C_{25} alkylamino, di- (C_1-C_{25}) alkylamino, C_1-C_{25} alkyl- C_6-C_{24} arylamino, (C_6-C_{24}) arylamino, di- (C_6-C_{24}) arylamino or C_2-C_{24} alkenyloxy, and R_4 is hydrogen or $-CO-(C_1-C_{25})$ alkyl, and n and m independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 6, preferably 1 to 4, and in which wherein in R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 a C-C unit ~~may also~~ can, optionally be replaced by an ether unit C-O-C, and

X is $=O$, $=S$ or $=NR_2$,

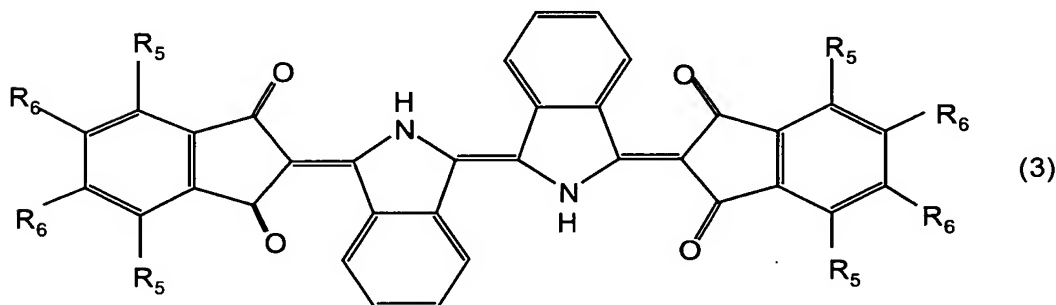
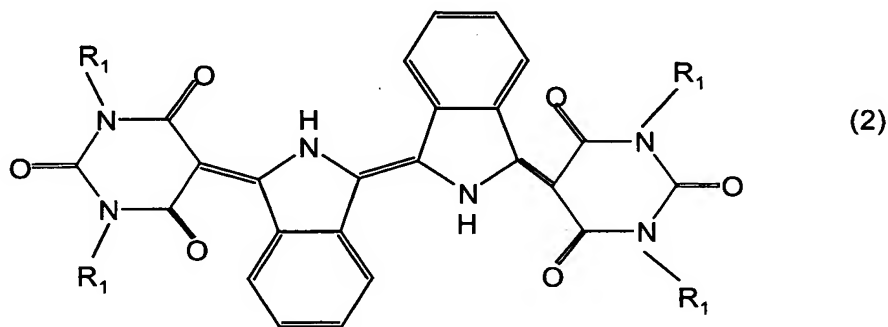
and R_5 and R_6 independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, CN, R_1 , OR_1 , SR_1 , NR_1R_2 , NO_2 , $SO_2(OR_1)$, SO_2R_1 , $SO_2NR_1R_2$ or $PO_2(OR_1)$.

4) (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein R_1 and R_2 are identical or different and are hydrogen, C_1-C_{18} alkyl, benzyl, C_5-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, pyridyl, pyrrol, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidyl, hydroxycarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, C_1-C_{18} alkoxy, C_1-C_{18} alkoxycarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, aminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, C_1-C_{18} alkylaminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, C_6-C_{10} arylaminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, di- (C_1-C_{18}) alkyl-aminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl, C_1-C_{18} alkyl- C_6-C_{10} -arylaminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl or di- (C_6-C_{10}) -arylaminocarbonyl- C_0-C_{18} alkyl.

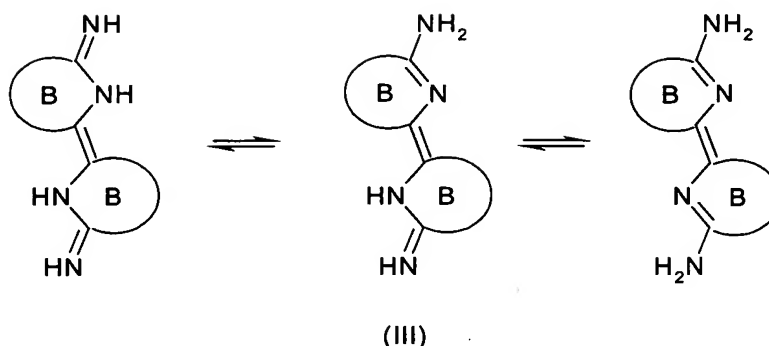
5) (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein R_5 and R_6 are identical or different and are hydrogen, Cl, Br, C_1-C_{18} alkyl, C_5-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl, benzyl, pyridyl, pyrrol, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidyl, C_1-C_{18} alkoxy, C_6-C_{10} aryloxy, C_1-C_{18} alkylthio, C_6-C_{10} arylthio, C_1-C_{18} alkylamino, C_6-C_{10} arylamino, di- (C_1-C_{18}) alkyl-amino, C_1-C_{18} alkyl-

C₆-C₁₀-arylamino, di(C₆-C₁₀-)arylamino, SO₃H, C₁-C₁₈ alkoxy sulfonyl, C₁-C₁₈ alkylsulfonyl or di(C₁-C₁₈ alkyl)-aminosulfonyl.

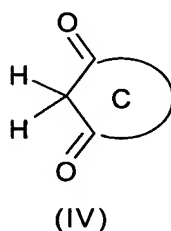
6) (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 3, wherein the compound of formula (I) is of the formula (2) or (3) as claimed in claim 3, 4 or 5



7) (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 6, which comprises~~ claim 1, comprising the step of condensing a compound of the formula (III)



with at least 2 mole equivalents of a cyclic compound of the formula (IV)



8) (Currently Amended) ~~The use of a compound as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 6 for coloring or pigmenting~~ An organic or inorganic materials-material of high or low molecular mass comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1. ~~particularly organic materials of high molecular mass.~~

9) (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 8 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a ~~as a colorant in oil-based paint or water-based paint, paint, varnish, in varnishes, camouflage paint, for spin coloring, colored article, plastic, for the mass coloring or pigmenting of plastics, in printing inks, in the mass coloring of paper, for seed, powder coating materials, for preparing inks, water-based or non-water-based ink-jet inks, microemulsion inks, and inks which operate in accordance with the hot-melt process. ink, colored paper, colored seed, powder coating material, ink jet ink, microemulsion ink or hot melt process ink.~~

10) (Currently Amended) ~~The use as claimed in claim 8 as colorants~~ A colorant for electrophotographic toners, electrophotographic and developers, ~~for color filters,~~ ~~for~~ or electronic inks, ~~and in optical layers for optical data storage comprising a~~ compound as claimed in claim 1.

11) (Currently Amended) A composition comprising an organic or inorganic material of high or low molecular mass and a compound as claimed in ~~one or more~~ of claims 1 to 6 claim 1, in an amount of 0.005 to 70% by weight, based on the organic or inorganic material.

12) (New) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein n and m independently of one another are 1 to 4.

13) (New) An organic material of high molecular mass comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

14) (New) An optical layer for optical data storage comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

15) (New) A color filter comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.